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By Maria E. Vega [MARIA E. VEGA]

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: Unknown
MOISES CALDERON) Examiner: Unknown
Serial No.: 10/768,728)
Filed: January 30, 2004)
For: LOW FLOW ATRIAL-ARTERIAL)
SHUNT FOR PUMP-ASSISTED)
MYOCARDIAL)
REVASCULARIZATION WITHOUT)
CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS)

PETITION TO CORRECT INCORRECTLY ENTERED DATE-IN
UNDER 37 CFR 1.10(d)

Mail Stop PETITIONS
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(d), the Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to correct an incorrectly entered "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" date-in for the above-noted patent application. Specifically, the Applicant requests that the Commissioner accord the above-noted application a filing date of January 29, 2004.

The present petition is being filed promptly after the undersigned, the attorney of record, became aware that the Patent Office will accord a filing date based upon an incorrect Express Mail date-in entry by the United States Postal Service ("USPS"). Specifically, on a return

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postcard received from the Patent Office, a filing date of January 30, 2004 ("013004") is indicated, contrary to the actual filing date of January 29, 2004. A copy of the return postcard is attached as Exhibit A.

In addition, investigating further, it was revealed that the date-in field on the Express Mail label no. EV 373381201 US for the above-noted application was filled in as "1-30-04" with a time-in of "8:38 am." A copy of the Express Mail label is attached as Exhibit B. However, since the application packet was actually deposited with the USPS on January 29, 2004 in the afternoon, and not on January 30, 2004 in the morning, it became apparent that the USPS entered an incorrect date-in.

A copy of the pertinent application papers is attached as Exhibit C to show that the number of the Express Mail mailing label was placed on each piece of correspondence prior to the original mailing.

As corroborated by the following evidence from the USPS, the above-noted application was actually deposited as Express Mail prior to the last scheduled pickup on the requested filing date, namely, January 29, 2004:

- Exhibit D is a printout of a tracking record showing that the application, mailed under Express Mail label no. EV 373381201 US, was en route from Springfield, Massachusetts to the Patent Office on January 29, 2004. Accordingly, the application packet must have actually been deposited as Express Mail on January 29, 2004.
- Exhibit E is a copy of a letter from the USPS confirming that: (i) the USPS failed to enter an "Accept" or "Pickup" scan when the application was originally picked up on January 29, 2004 (see ¶ 4); (ii) the USPS entered an incorrect date-in based on when the application packet was received in Dulles, VA 20102 on January 30, 2004, instead of when it was deposited on January 29, 2004 (see ¶¶ 2 & 4); and (iii) the actual date/time of deposit "would have occurred a few minutes before the Enroute scan in Springfield, MA 01152", *i.e.*, a few minutes before January 29, 2004 at 19:29 hours (see ¶ 3).

In light of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that a proper showing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(d) has been established, and requests that the date-in and filing date for this application be corrected to January 29, 2004. A check in the amount of \$130 is attached for the petition fee. However, if no fee is required, or if an additional fee is required, please charge/refund it to Deposit Account No. 08-2622.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: April 20, 2004

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Applicant: EMILIO SACRISTAN ROCK *Received*

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the accompanying papers, ^{FFB} 9/2004, including 10 pgs. of specification, 19 claims, ^{Abstract}, ^{and} ^{3 sheets of} ^{Carlsbad Caverns National Park, NM} ^{of} ^{zagni, P.C.} Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney, 3 sheets of formal drawings, and \$428 check. Also enclosed is an accompanying Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b); and form PTO/SB/08A for the above-identified application by placing the date stamp of the Patent Office hereon and mailing this card to us.

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APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): **MOISES CALDERON**

For: **LOW FLOW ATRIAL-ARTERIAL SHUNT FOR
PUMP-ASSISTED MYOCARDIAL REVASCULARIZATION
WITHOUT CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS**

Also enclosed are: 3 sheets of Formal drawings;
Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney;
Information Disclosure Statement; and
Prior Art Form

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
BASIC FEE					\$385.00
	Total Claims	19 - 20 =	0	x \$ 9.00	\$ -0-
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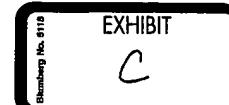
Respectfully submitted,

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LOW FLOW ATRIAL-ARTERIAL SHUNT
FOR PUMP-ASSISTED MYOCARDIAL REVASCULARIZATION
WITHOUT CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS

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[0001] This application claims priority from a Provisional Application, Serial Number 60/443,411, filed January 29, 2003.

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The present invention relates to surgical devices and methods, and, more particularly, to devices and methods for temporarily assisting the heart in pumping blood.

BACKGROUND

15 [0003] In 1953, Dr. John Gibbon of Philadelphia performed the first successful intracardiac operation with the aid of a heart-lung machine, opening a new era for cardiac surgery and establishing the basis for extracorporeal circulation and circulatory support. The heart-lung machine (also known as the cardiopulmonary bypass machine) is an apparatus that functions in place of a patient's heart and lungs during open-heart operations, providing
20 adequate blood flow and perfusion to the rest of the body, while the heart and lungs are arrested. Its basic components are a pump, which provides flow to the blood, and an oxygenator, which oxygenates and removes CO₂ from venous blood. The machine may also include a blood reservoir and a blood temperature regulator.

25 [0004] The most commonly used blood pump in cardio-pulmonary bypass machines is the peristaltic ("roller") pump. The peristaltic pump consists of two rollers, 180° apart, attached to a central, rotating hub, that are rotated along an arc-shaped (approximately 200°) metal raceway. Plastic tubing between 1/4" and 5/8" is placed between the rollers and raceway so that the rollers barely occlude the tubing at 180mmHg back-pressure. As the rollers are rotated along the raceway, one of the rollers successively compresses the tubing, while the
30 opposite roller releases the tubing, so that blood within the tubing is continually propelled in one direction. Put another way, as the rollers are rotated or rolled along the tubing in one direction, the tubing is slightly compressed in a wave-like motion, with blood in the tubing flowing along with the wave-like compression.

35 [0005] While heart-lung machines and associated surgical techniques were a significant medical advancement in their day, medical professionals have come to realize that



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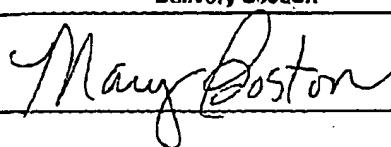
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Dear Ms. Vega:

This letter is in reference to Express Mail Item No. EV37 3381 201 US destined to the Patent office in Alexandria, VA.

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The Enroute scan on January 29, 2004 at 19:29 in Springfield, MA 01152 indicates the correct acceptance of the Express Mail item would have occurred a few minutes before the Enroute scan in Springfield, MA 01152.

Please accept my apology for the missing Accept or Pickup scan in Springfield, MA 01152 for Express Mail Item No. EV37 3381 201 US.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that appears to read 'James Jyz'.
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